04-141 Office of the Attorney General

The mission of the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, is to achieve excellence by providing superior public legal representation, professional and effective law enforcement, and assertive public advocacy to the State of Louisiana in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

The goals of the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, are:

- 1. Provide superior legal and professional services to the State of Louisiana.
- 2. Develop a working environment that encourages competent individuals to pursue career employment in the Department of Justice.
- 3. Develop a state-of-the-art management information system.
- 4. Improve the process of recovering monies owed to the State of Louisiana and limit the liabilities of the state.
- 5. Improve cooperative working relationships with federal, state, and local agencies and private sector organizations.
- 6. Establish criteria for measuring activity.
- 7. Make public service information accessible to the citizens of Louisiana.

The Department of Justice is under the direction of the Attorney General, who is authorized under Article IV, Section 8, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, to exercise all functions related to being the chief legal officer of the state. The Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has five programs: Administrative, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud, Risk Litigation, and Gaming.

BUDGET SUMMARY

						RECOMMENDED
	ACTUAL	ACT 11	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	OVER/(UNDER)
	1999 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2001 - 2002	EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$10,387,125	\$11,581,335	\$12,055,252	\$12,440,538	\$11,388,658	(\$666,594)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	1,865,529	1,851,332	1,890,007	1,733,484	1,733,484	(156,523)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	11,727,095	13,079,202	13,126,785	13,109,700	13,024,807	(101,978)
Statutory Dedications	2,971,309	3,694,952	3,768,670	3,847,256	3,792,514	23,844
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,315,468	1,524,937	1,588,954	1,609,737	1,571,115	(17,839)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$28,266,526	\$31,731,758	\$32,429,668	\$32,740,715	\$31,510,578	(\$919,090)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administrative	\$3,572,882	\$3,428,882	\$3,433,291	\$3,747,778	\$3,193,614	(\$239,677)
Civil Law	6,370,201	7,775,871	8,318,370	7,914,713	7,853,850	(464,520)
Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud	4,795,462	5,197,776	5,238,108	5,566,365	5,109,498	(128,610)
Risk Litigation	10,106,356	10,702,672	10,704,156	10,721,492	10,721,492	17,336
Gaming	3,421,625	4,626,557	4,735,743	4,790,367	4,632,124	(103,619)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$28,266,526	\$31,731,758	\$32,429,668	\$32,740,715	\$31,510,578	(\$919,090)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	439	443	443	447	452	9
TOTAL	439	443	443	447	452	9
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This agency's recommended appropriation includes \$1,372,606 for short-term debt, including Lease Purchase agreement.

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 462,744
State General Fund by:	
Interagency Transfers	70,435
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	529,224
Statutory Dedications	154,098
Federal Funds	63,838
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Total	\$1,280,339